

A bill for an act

relating to energy; requiring a certificate of need for certain transmission lines.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **URBAN TRANSMISSION LINE; CERTIFICATE OF NEED**

**REQUIRED.**

A high-voltage transmission line longer than one mile with a capacity of 100 kilovolts or more that is located in a city of the first class in a zone within one mile of the transmission line in which population density exceeds 8,000 persons per square mile, and that runs parallel to and is within one-quarter mile of a below-grade bike and walking path that connects with other bike paths along a river, is subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.243.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies only to high-voltage transmission lines described in this section that are the subject of an application for a route permit under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216E, that is pending before the Public Utilities Commission on March 15, 2010.